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FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1508

INFO AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMEMBASSY LIMA

AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, BL

SUBJ: BOMBING OF COMIBOL HEADQUARTERS

1. A BOMB DAMAGED THE HEADQUARTERS OF BOLIVIA'S STATE-OWNED MINERALS CORPORATION (COMIBOL) IN DOWNTOWN LA PAZ NIGHT OF JULY 8 AT ABOUT 22:40 HOURS. THE BOMB BLEW OUT THE FIRST FLOOR WINDOWS AND A THIRD FLOOR WINDOW ON ONE SIDE OF THE BUILDING, CAUSED MODERATE DAMAGE TO A SMALL OFFICE, AND BROKE WINDOWS IN THE LA PAZ CLUB ACROSS LA PAZ'S BUSIEST STREET, MARISCAL SANTA CRUZ. NO INJURIES OCCURRED. POLICE REPORT NO INFORMATION ON THE PERPE TRATORS.

2. THIS IS SECOND BOMBING IN LA PAZ IN THREE DAYS. THE NIGHT OF JULY 5 AN EXPLOSION DID SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE TO THE HOUSE OF MINISTER OF PLANNING JUAN LECHIN SUAREZ. NO ONE WAS IN THE HOUSE AT THE TIME AND NO INJURIES OCCURRED.

3. COMMENT: WHILE ACTIVITY IS NORMAL IN LA PAZ, THE BOMBINGS  
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HAVE OBVIOUSLY UPSET GOB OFFICIALS (PRESIDENT BANZER AND COMIBOL  
MANAGER ALCOREZA VISITED THE COMIBOL SITE LATER IN THE EVENING).  
REGARDLESS OF WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBINGS (AUTHORITIES  
CLAIM IT WAS LEFTIST TERRORISTS) SUCH ACTS HAVE THE APPEARANCE OF  
BEING A REACTION TO THE GOB'S JUNE ARRESTS AND EXILINGS OF MINE-  
WORKERS' UNION LEADERS AND CONTINUING MILITARY OCCUPATION OF  
MAJOR MINING AREAS. CONTINUED TERRORIST ACTIVITY WILL STRENGTHEN  
DOUBTS IN MANY CIRCLES ABOUT THE WISDOM OF THE GOB'S STRONG  
ACTIONS AGAINST THE MINEWORKERS.

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